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Attorney Docket Number NP-0010

First Named Inventor Shibin JIANG

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Application Number /

Filing Date September 26, 2001

Group Art Unit

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METHOD OF FUSION SPLICING SILICA FIBER WITH LOW-TEMPERATURE
MULTI-COMPONENT GLASS FIBER

(Title of the Invention)

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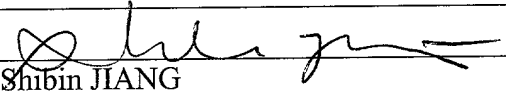
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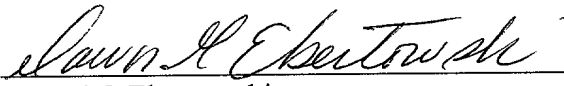
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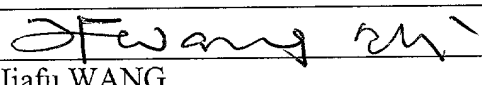
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I, Dawn Ebertowski, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that **Shibin JIANG**, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged under oath that he signed, sealed and delivered the instrument as his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes set forth.

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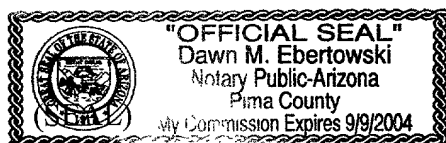

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I, Dawn Ebertowski, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that **Jiafu WANG**, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged under oath that he signed, sealed and delivered the instrument as his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes set forth.

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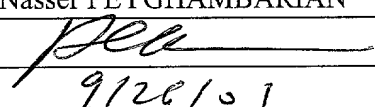
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